

appropriate in our time as Mann's answers were in his. And the nation waits again for men who will "obtain and diffuse throughout the state a few good ideas on these and similar subjects."

The theme of American Education Week this year is "Shape Schools for the Seventies." That theme puts our challenge well. For the decade we are now entering will surely be a time of immense change in almost every area of life and learning. If we are really going to "Shape Schools for the Seventies," then we must be ready to *reshape* them with greater imagination, greater boldness and greater energy than we have ever applied before. I have every confidence that the educators of America, working with parents, students and all Americans, are ready and able to meet this challenge.


This work is particularly important at a time when impatience with old forms is straining our social fabric in ways which we have never before experienced. At such a time, some even despair at the possibility of reform and a few have forsaken reason and discussion as the means of achieving change. It is imperative that we vigorously repudiate the counsel of those who preach despair and division and destruction. But it is also imperative that we vindicate those who vigorously affirm the possibility of orderly reform and who proudly work toward its achievement.

We owe a great deal to the devoted educators of our country—those who served in the past and those who serve today. They have built an educational system which has been a great source of national strength and pride. As they have pursued excellence and equality in education, they have fostered excellence and equality in every area of American life. They also represent a resource of incalculable value for the future. Because of them we can say with the German philosopher Leibnitz: "I have hope that society may be reformed when I see how much education may be reformed."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the period of October 25 through October 31, 1970, as American Education Week.

I urge my countrymen to engage during this week in earnest discussion and serious reflection on the challenges and opportunities which confront the American educational system and on the ways in which our society can best respond to them.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 24th day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-fifth.



#### Proclamation 4006

#### CHILD HEALTH DAY, 1970

By the President of the United States of America

#### A Proclamation

Each of us has an obligation to make a meaningful contribution to better health for the nation's children. It is fitting, therefore, that we set aside one day of each year to remind us of this obligation and to renew our pledge to posterity.

September 25, 1970

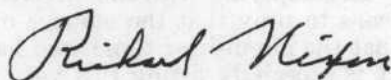
The Congress, showing its concern by a joint resolution of May 18, 1928, as amended (36 U.S.C. 143), requested the President to issue annually a proclamation setting apart the first Monday in October as Child Health Day.

45 Stat. 617;  
73 Stat. 627.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Monday, October 5, 1970, as Child Health Day, and I call upon all our citizens to meet the health needs of our children, whether they live in the city or in the small towns or on the farms of rural America.

Child Health Day is also an appropriate time to salute the work which the United Nations, through its specialized agencies, and the United Nations Children's Fund are doing to improve the health of children around the world.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 25th day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-fifth.



### Proclamation 4007

#### COUNTRY MUSIC MONTH, 1970

By the President of the United States of America

September 25, 1970

#### A Proclamation

Deep from the heart of America, country music has come to enrich the daily lives of countless citizens. Its warmth is the warmth of the hearth and the heart. Its simplicity expresses the candor, the humor, the love and the pain of country people. Its unique and varied melodies are vivid portrayals of men and women whose experiences have taught them that life brings blessings and hardships, joys and sorrows, satisfactions and anxieties.

The popularity and growth of country music in recent years attest to its increasingly important part in American life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, ask the people of this nation to mark the month of October with suitable observances as Country Music Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-fifth day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninety-fifth.

